



NEWS RELEASE

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BAY AREA SCHOOLS RECEIVE \$3.5 MILLION FROM CALTRANS

OAKLAND – The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has awarded \$3.5 million for nine Safe Routes to School projects in District 4 to improve safety for children who walk and bike to school. The following communities will receive funding for Safe Routes to School projects:

- Mill Valley
- Pittsburg
- Pleasant Hill
- San Leandro
- Santa Rosa
- Town of Los Gatos
- American Canyon
- East Pal Alto
- Vallejo

“Safety is Caltrans’ number one priority; we strive to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians. We really value our Safe Routes to School program.” stated Caltrans District 4 Director, Bijan Sartipi. The funding will pay for new crosswalks, curb ramps, sidewalks, bicycle paths, traffic signals, flashing beacons, signs, striping, and pedestrian countdown signals.

The state of California was the first state to legislate its own Safe Routes to School program with dedicated funding in 1999. To date, California has awarded a total of \$268 million for Safe Routes to School projects. This year, statewide, Caltrans awarded \$24 million for 85 Safe Routes to School projects to improve safety for children who walk and bike to school.

To view the entire list of projects, visit:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/documents/SR2S_Cycle_9_2010-11.pdf

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